

REMARKS

As of the 13 May *Office Action*, Claims 10, 14-15 and 29-33 are pending in the Application, and all are rejected. Applicant thanks Examiner with appreciation for the careful consideration and examination given to the Application.

By the *Response and Amendment*, Applicant clarifies Claim 10. Applicant submits this *Response and Amendment* solely to facilitate prosecution. As such, Applicant reserves the right to present new or additional claims in this Application that have similar or broader scope as originally filed. Applicant also reserves the right to present additional claims in a later-filed continuation application that have similar or broader scope as originally filed. Accordingly, any amendment, argument, or claim cancellation presented during prosecution is not to be construed as abandonment or disclaimer of subject matter.

Accordingly, after entry of this *Response and Amendment*, Claims 10, 14-15 and 29-33 are pending in the Application, and all believed allowable. No new matter is introduced in this *Response and Amendment*. It is respectfully submitted that the present Application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

1. Claim Rejections

In the *Office Action*, Claims 10, 14-15 and 29-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. Claim 10 is clarified in a few instances as kindly suggested by the Examiner.

As to general grounds of rejection, Claim 10 now more clearly recites that the alignment means are located on the end part. Claim 10 also now more clearly recites that the structure has an end part that has a cylindrical portion adjacent the substantially conical leading end portion, and that the foundation has an intermediate supporting part that has a cylindrical inner surface. This is fully supported in the *Application*, as filed, for example, original Claims 10, 13, *US Patent Publication No. 2005/0286979* ¶¶[0006], [0009], [0014], and Figs. 1-7.

It is believed that with the clarification to Claim 10, Claims 10, 14-15 and 29-33 are allowable.

2. Fees

This *Response and Amendment* is being filed within six months of the *Office Action*, and

more specifically in three months. Thus, no extension of time fee payments is believed due.

No additional claim fees are believed due, as the pending total claim count and number independent claims, remains covered under the original filing fee.

Nonetheless, authorization is hereby expressly given to charge any additional fees due via deposit account No. 20-1507.

CONCLUSION

By the present *Response and Amendment*, this Application has been placed in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable action. Should the Examiner have any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Attorney at 404.885.2773.

Respectfully submitted,

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